GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:298
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IMPORT OF WOOL
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale import of wool from other countries are affecting our domestic industry;

(b) if so, the value and quantity of wool imported during each of the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of sheep rearers especially in Rajasthan?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.298 for answer on 12.08.2005.

(a) & (b): None of the domestic industry associations/federations has brought to the notice of the Government that the import of raw wool is affecting the domestic industry adversely.

The quantity and value of wool imported during the last three years are as under:-

Year	Quantity (in million kg.)	Value (Rs.in crore)
2002-03	73.92	801.83
2003-04	84.61	870.61
2004-05	82.47	825.95

(Source : DGCIS, Calcutta)

(c): Ministry of Textiles through Central Wool Development Board has taken up many schemes under the Integrated Wool Improvement Programme (IWIP) for sheep and wool development in the wool producing, States in the country including Rajasthan benefiting sheep rearers. Under this programme projects are undertaken for sheep and wool improvement and development of speciality fibres such as Angora and Pashmina. Technical consultancy services and support services as well as human resource development programmes are also undertaken under the IWIP.